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TAGS: GATT, ETRD, IN

SUBJ: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA

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1. WE HAVE TALKED TO K. MARASIMHAN OF CUSTOMS (NOT S. NARASIMHAN OF COMMERCE MINISTRY) WHO WILL FORM PART OF THE INDIA'S TEAM FOR ARTICLE XXVIII CONSULTATIONS, AND MADE POINTS IN REFTEL. HE READ TO US EXCHANGE OF CABLES BETWEEN NEW DELHI AND INDIA'S GENEVA MISSION IN WHICH GOI REPEATS OFFER OF BINDINGS AND REDUCTION OF COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCES BUT ADDS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE TARIFF REDUCTIONS IN NUMBER OF ITEMS FROM U.S. REQUEST LIST. IN ADDITION, INDIA IS PREPARED TO OFFER REDUCTIONS ON ITEMS NOT ON U.S. REQUEST LIST. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED IN CABLE TO GENEVA, NARASIMHAN SAID THESE INCLUDED NOT ONLY ON RAW MATERIALS FOR THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY (WHICH S. NARASIMHAN HAD MENTIONED TO US) BUT ALSO ON ZINC CONCENTRATE, COPPER CONCENTRATE, WOOD

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PULP AND SOYBEAN OIL. HE SAID REDUCTIONS ON OTHER ITEMS WOULD

ALSO BE POSSIBLE.

2. K. NARASIMHAN REPEATED S. NARISIMHAN'S INSISTENCE THAT INDIA'S DOES WANT TO ARRIVE AT A SETTLEMENT AND WILL COME TO GENEVA IN A FORTHCOMING MOOD. HE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT SETTLEMENT WOULD HAVE TO GO BEYOND BINDINGS AND COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCES TO INCLUDE TARIFF REDUCTIONS. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. GIVE CONSIDERATION TO LESS THAN FULL RECIPROCITY IN VIEW OF INDIA'S LDC STATUS. (INDIA'S HOPES ON THIS POINT PROBABLY HELP EXPLAIN RELUCTANCE TO COME FORTH WITH DETAILED OFFER IN ADVANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS).

3. TWO INDIA OFFICIALS HAVE NOW ASSURED US OF INDIA'S SERIOUS DESIRE TO SETTLE ARTICLE XXVIII PROBLEM TO OUR SATISFACTION, AND THEIR INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR GENEVA MISSION BEAR THIS OUT. BOTH HAVE ASSURED US IN RESPONSE TO POINTED QUESTIONS THAT INDIA IS DETERMINED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA LATER THIS MONTH WILL NOT BE A WASTE OF OUR TRAVEL MONEY OR OUR NEGOTIATORS TIME. WE THINK THEY ARE SERIOUS AND RECOMMEND WE SEND A TEAM DYON MAY 27.

4. INDIANS HAVE ASKED FOR A PROMPT REPLY AND WE PROMISED TO TRY TO GET THEM ONE. MOYNIHAN

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